**North-East Express Highway**

*58. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a plan for North-East Express Highway is under consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the implementation status and the target set towards commissioning of East-West · Corridor in various sectors including NER; and

(d) the details of the plan, if any, to extend the area of this corridor in phase-II?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI):(a) to (c) While there is no proposal for a North-East Express Highway, Government is implementing the National Highways Development Project which includes a North-South and an East-West Corridor. The status of these Corridors is given in the enclosed statement (*See* below). The contracts under implementation in East-West Corridor including those in NER are expected to be completed by May, 2005 and the contracts under implementation in North-South Corridor are expected to be completed by Dec. 2004. The entire East-West and North-South Corridors are scheduled to be completed by December, 2007.

(d) There is no proposal to extend the East-West Corridor. However, Government plans to connect the State Capitals not falling on the National Highways Development Project (Golden Quadrilateral and East-West & North-South Corridor) to the National Highways Development Project through four lane highways.

***Statement***

*Status of East-West and North-South Corridor*

**I. Status of East-West Corridor**

| Sl. No. | Description | Length (km) |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Total length | 3640 |
| 2. | Common with GQ (under implementation) | 149 |
| 3. | Balance length on East-West Corridor | 3491 |
| 4. | Four laning already completed | 106 |
| 5. | Four laning under implementation | 185 |
| 6. | Balance length on E.W. Corridor to be four laned | 3200 |
| 7. | Staus of balance 3200 km | |
| | (a) Preparation of DPR in progress | 3200 |
| | (b) Civil Contracts to be awarded by March 2004 | 540 |
| | (c) Civil Contracts to be awarded by June 2004 | 483 |
| | (d) Civil Contracts to be awarded by Dec. 2004 | 2177 |
| | (e) Proposed target date of completion of balance 3200 km is Dec. 2007 | |

**II. Status of North-South Corridor**

| Sl. No. | Description | Length (km) |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Total length | 4076 |
| 2. | Common with GQ (under implementation) | 293 |
| 3. | Balance length on North-South Corridor | 3783 |
| 4. | Four laning already completed | 451 |
| 5. | Four laning under implementation | 238 |
| 6. | Balance length on N-S Corridor to be four laned | 3094 |
| 7. | Staus of balance 3094 km | |
| | (a) Preparation of DPR in progress | 2603 |
| | (b) DPR contracts for balance length 491 km to be awarded by January 2004 | |
| | (c) Civil contracts for balance length of 3094 km to be awarded by March 2005 with proposed target date of completion by Dec. 2007 | |